GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Decline in Export of Agricultural/ Farm Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) the quantum and value of export and import of foodgrains and other agricultural/ farm products vis-a-vis target fixed during each of the last three years and the current year, commodity/item and country-wise;
b) the contribution of agricultural sector in country''s total export along with country''s share in world trade of foodgrains and agricultural/farm products including the share of various States/UTs therein;
c) whether export of six key agricultural products including tea, spices and tobacco have registered negative growth in 2014-15 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the long term effect of its export on the agricultural and horticultural sector in the country and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
e) the measures taken by the Government to boost export of such products without affecting the domestic demand/price, to improve competitiveness of Indian products in the international market in terms of prices and variety of goods and to formulate long term EXIM policy for agricultural/farm products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Export of agricultural/farm products depends on various factors such as availability/non-availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, if any, concerns of food security, international and domestic demand and supply situation, quality concerns, sanitary & phytosanitary requirements, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc. As such no formal targets can be fixed for exports of agricultural/farm products. The data on export and import of major agricultural products during the past three years and the current year, commodity/item-wise and country-wise (top 5 countries), may be seen at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(b) As per the data provided by DGCI&S, share of agricultural products (including marine and plantation products) in country's total export was 12.61% in 2014-15. As per WTO International Trade Statistics 2014 (based on trade in 2013), India's share of world trade of agricultural products was 2.7%. State-wise database for agricultural export is not maintained.

(c) Exports of most of the agricultural products, including tea, spices and tobacco, have registered negative growth in 2014-15. Reasons are as under: -

i. Fall in commodity prices.
ii. Low crude oil prices impacting sugar, vegetable oils and other bio-fuels.
iii. Subdued global demand.
iv. Poor domestic crops (reduced acreage/poor yield/poor quality).
v. Lower international prices compared to domestic prices.
vi. Agri exports reached a plateau during 2013-14 & some correction was inevitable.
vii. Currency movements in competing countries.

(d) No focused study has been conducted to assess the long term effect of exports on the agricultural and horticultural sector by the Department of Commerce. However, in terms of trickledown effect, it is expected that exports not only provide better market opportunities to the growers but also generally help in increasing their realizations.

(e) Encouraging exports of agricultural products is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) and Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports.
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Annexure-I
Exports of Agriculture Products
Qty.: MT; Value: USD Million
Source: DGCI&S
Marine Products

COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
U S A 127064 737.86 110017 1267.90 128805 1457.50 22448.99 201.89
VIETNAM 187230 483.42 256745 963.53 276383 1102.90 23137.20 94.42
JAPAN 70535 356.93 70291 406.95 78605.2 447.27 11969.97 52.38
BELGIUM 23690 143.25 25037 214.60 23596.7 202.99 3254.77 23.54
SPAIN 44858 171.00 43973 166.27 50472 205.36 6804.78 22.46
OTHER COUNTRIES 511721 1571.60 494756 1997.40 515408 2094.00 68990.99 260.33
TOTAL 965099 3464.1 1000819 5016.60 1073270 5510.00 136606.70 655.02

Buffalo Meat
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
VIETNAM 302130 943.65 524180 1795.57 633352 2152.86 54400 187.88
MALAYSIA 115358 357.44 121713 388.67 130877 422.94 22040 66.83
THAILAND 87094 265.64 89967 296.32 115653 393.40 13340 43.10
EGYPT 71250 230.59 107822 338.22 128082 422.34 22320 68.67
SAUDI ARABIA 69624 215.53 74600 247.11 73821 259.01 11820 41.53
OTHER COUNTRIES 430647 1188.30 447361 1284.49 393755 1130.61 59640 170.16
Total 1076103 3201.15 1365643 4350.38 1475540 4781.16 183560 578.17

Basmati Rice
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
SAUDI ARABIA 681193 672.64 826119 1108.90 966931 1188.23 221935 210.72
IRAN 1082219 1187.23 1440454 1834.55 935568 1108.50 162713 148.32
UAE 234640 240.42 147903 196.51 278601 314.76 74675 70.49
IRAQ 204266 196.73 219605 271.14 235448 259.13 104812 87.44
KUWAIT 163317 194.73 175537 247.95 166469 250.53 29472 37.05
OTHER COUNTRIES 1094194 1072.30 944484 1205.83 1119276 1396.96 186034 179.96
TOTAL 3459829 3564.04 3754102 4864.89 3702293 4518.11 779641 733.98

Non-Basmati Rice
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
BANGLADESH PR 31334 15.40 660594 250.62 1268343 450.07 104739 34.36
SRI LANKA DSR 4109 2.46 5875 3.44 666795 292.58 34304 15.16
BENIN 576546 239.73 1166847 485.17 598569 247.12 57965 20.00
SENEGAL 854560 267.90 651984 195.74 765019 226.03 134367 35.60
NEPAL 396586 106.18 396153 119.80 630286 216.69 96818 33.13
OTHER COUTRIES 4824716 2020.30 4254738 1870.37 4346039 1902.60 620390 254.18
TOTAL 6687851 2651.97 7136191 2925.16 8275051 3335.09 1048583 392.43

Annexure-I/contd...

Spices
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
U S A 92187.41 452.71 68625.08 391.53 66323.81 409.80 12365.04 81.57
CHINA 48708.42 501.19 47689.39 384.42 25574.61 245.27 4177.36 30.94
VIETNAM 85907.72 137.45 98125.05 175.38 122863.19 210.17 19543.78 41.57
UAE 56298.72 94.82 44092.56 87.76 56197.04 122.33 12688.04 22.01
MALAYSIA 70209.93 101.45 57731.93 96.67 56860.07 103.59 12354.45 19.66
OTHER COUTRIES 579279.66 1498.50 579650.69 1361.53 598202.65 1339.19 106855.46 256.16
TOTAL 932591.86 2786.12 895914.70 2497.30 926021.36 2430.35 167984.13 451.91

Cotton Raw incl. Waste
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
CHINA P n.a. 2237.38 1036773 1912.95 448722 743.28 12810 15.93
BANGLADESH n.a. 610.06 353671 698.88 331359 577.48 55770 87.92
VIETNAM n.a. 166.51 120526 220.34 151371 241.95 16190 22.60
PAKISTAN n.a. 392.78 178426 343.35 63610 105.03 12450 18.99
MALAYSIA n.a. 54.94 4890 9.01 6936 10.38 2330 3.30
OTHER COUNTRIES n.a. 2523.41 1290187 2366.15 589258 965.34 24630 32.46
Total n.a. 3747.70 1947700 3637.73 1142534 1900.18 111370 165.27

Tea
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
RUSSIA 45850.22 127.14 40752.12 108.52 40840.68 96.69 6981.68 14.50

IRAN 18482.22 73.78 23581.90 100.31 19676.17 88.17 3439.26 15.46
U S A 17901.84 66.54 16941.57 71.26 16776.68 67.68 2322.83 8.94
U K 31022.08 101.85 18648.76 58.32 18299.57 57.15 1103.98 3.10
KAZAKHSTAN 18454.04 62.73 15650.12 50.30 17125.35 54.10 1432.44 4.36
OTHER COUTRIES 137089.43 433.93 134333.08 410.09 102569.73 317.58 13676.37 40.27
TOTAL 268799.83 865.97 249907.55 798.79 215288.18 681.36 28956.56 86.62

Unmanufactured Tobacco
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
BELGIUM 42703.22 155.53 52116.08 206.89 41043.96 153.59 6223.85 24.73
EGYPT A RP 11713.17 26.81 14793.86 40.49 24726.68 65.26 1996.08 4.23
PHILIPPINES 6514.39 19.90 10423.32 37.90 13572.85 37.84 237.42 0.92
KOREA RP 12298.34 37.23 10510.00 32.93 12028.44 36.92 173.49 0.71
RUSSIA 12724.41 42.51 11098.34 40.69 9720.66 35.70 1094.94 4.72
OTHER COUTRIES 144460.64 419.47 138164.44 430.16 118479.65 350.70 20101.24 61.71
TOTAL 230414.16 701.44 237106.04 789.07 219572.23 680.01 29827.02 97.03

Annexure-II
Imports of Agriculture Products
Qty.: MT; Value: USD Million
Source: DGCI&S

Vegetable Oils
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
INDONESIA 5926268 5624.37 5431250 4611.48 4899973 3887.70 1108525 730.44
MALAYSIA 2694626 2645.27 2303972 1968.01 3294689 2587.88 492761 325.92
ARGENTINA 818641 1031.22 1091678 1110.50 1738594 1582.68 334858 256.05
UKRAINE 1107613 1368.99 1074635 1135.73 1728141 1578.16 287626 239.75
BRAZIL 218684 274.73 225743 228.17 440105 408.19 46736 36.81
OTHER COUNTRIES 251829 320.54 340575 337.07 599528 577.54 117849 101.65
TOTAL 11017661 11265.12 10467853 9390.96 12701030 10622.14 2388355 1690.62

Pulses
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
CANADA 1107455 552.08 1504718 758.72 2195557 1074.57 176954 82.75
MYANMAR 963649 649.13 906486 621.21 931330 803.00 206422 199.03
AUSTRALIA 721047 486.27 342309 189.52 332657 188.41 76796 47.87
U S A 178275 102.10 195847 112.44 312230 168.38 19114 11.08
TANZANIA REP 146207 100.30 181496 110.17 179994 138.83 15008 15.71
OTHER COUNTRIES 896603 560.09 512857 327.26 633084 412.92 102585 62.60
TOTAL 4013236 2449.99 3643713 2119.32 4584852 2786.11 596879 419.04

Fresh Fruits
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
U S A 161939 466.67 129843 479.42 136146 551.63 53264 144.54
AFGHANISTAN TIS 24561 89.55 26114 120.39 35511 164.06 3537 18.21
PAKISTAN IR 118209 91.67 132583 100.15 135725 106.74 14567 11.15
IRAN 41146 73.85 31239 67.62 42004 104.42 7249 15.68
AUSTRALIA 18003 60.51 22250 106.03 19648 102.81 4587 31.84
OTHER COUNTRIES 438284 356.25 427175 399.84 497115 535.54 106970 112.38
TOTAL 802142 1138.49 769204 1273.46 866149 1565.20 190174 333.80

Sugar
COUNTRY 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Apr-May)
QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE QTY VALUE
BRAZIL 1108215 560.02 866841 382.57 1537001 595.20 50500 15.88
GERMANY 158 0.64 136 0.69 462 2.51 73 0.27
U S A 251 1.00 215 0.89 280 1.16 87 0.33
ITALY 1 0.02 62 0.46 118 0.77 19 0.16
JAPAN 23 0.08 68 0.20 107 0.34 15 0.04
OTHER COUNTRIES 13601 7.94 13634 7.37 667 1.19 133 0.21
TOTAL 1122249 569.70 880956 392.19 1538635 601.17 50827 16.88
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